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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. Les Whitten, HEARST NEWSPAPERS, telephoned me at home yesterday, 21 August 1963. He said that at the Press Club yesterday (21 August 1963), the nuclear physicist Edward Teller said he would not want to trust the security of the Nation to the intelligence services because they had missed out on the launching of the Sputnik and they also failed to foretell other Soviet nuclear successes.

2. I told him we, of course, would have no reply as a matter of policy, but suggested he look into his morgue. At the time of the Sputnik, a Presidential committee on engineering and science issued a Press Release which was carried by the UPI. Among other things, it stated that Dr. Herbert Scoville of CIA had informed the group, before the event, that intelligence believed a launch was about to be made.

3. I also suggested he might want to talk to Mr. Dulles, who is now a private citizen and who was the DCI at that time. He said he would try to get ~~hold~~ of Mr. Dulles and also try to talk to Dr. Scoville.

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